



that outbreaks of political significance are at all likely to occur from "party" causes, then she might hesitate to act in the way I have said. On the other hand if she felt a perfect sense of security that there were no faction fights likely to occur in the heart of the country, then, in that case, she would not for a moment hesitate to act so if she so desired it, which, as I have before said, she does not wish to do. There are a lot of other facts connected with opium which I could give you on another occasion when I could be prepared to substantiate what I would then say with documents and figures which I have not now with me, but now, Sir, I will conclude my remarks by asking you why it is that you foreigners are so poor in thought as not to discover some other equally profitable commodity which will be as acceptable to the Chinese as opium, and do business in that, if they have any compunctions in dealing in the drug?"

Reporter—"I perceive the force of your question, which I am at this moment unprepared to answer. I might add that I would be afraid to express any opinion on the subject at all, myself, but would rather leave it to those foreigners who have dealt in the article in question and who have given the subject of opium a deeper consideration than I have done. But to revert to other matters upon which I should like to have your opinions, I note that your friend here has said that the Chinese "admire foreigners' inventions." Can you tell me what foreign invention they most admire?"

Mr. . . .—"I have no hesitation in saying that the electric telegraph is, in the estimation of all Chinese, the invention of foreigners which really pleases them most. My friends here will coincide with what I say. Just ask them."

Our reporter here questioned the other three gentlemen present and they with one accord said the same thing. The gentleman who conversed with our reporter in the first instance on the subject of their interview with the Viceroy added that: "as for himself, he thought that it was the only invention which China really cared for at all."

(To be continued.)

### SHANGHAI.

H.B.M.'s surveying vessel *Flying Fish* is expected to arrive here from Chefoo on the 17th inst., and H.B.M.'s *Curacao* from Japan on the 19th inst.

P. J. Hughes, Esq., H.B.M.'s Consul in Shanghai, has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Registrar of British Ships for this port from the 14th instant.

We hear that the guns and munitions of war, which were landed at the Associated Wharves some time ago from the steamship *Polyphemus*, are to be shipped off to Foochow, probably by the steamship *Chinkiang* or another of Messrs. Siemsen's boats.

We hear the Chinese Telegraph Company are going to lay their lines up to the River Forts. Viceroy Tao has therefore deputed a Chinese gentleman by the name of Yau, in company with a foreign engineer, to inspect the various places along the banks of the Yangtze.

We hear from native sources that Mr. Chen, Magistrate of the Mixed Court, has resigned his post, which he has held for upwards of ten years. Mr. Oung, the Chinese official of the Mixed Court in the French Settlement, will succeed him, and another official by the name of Wang will take the latter's place.

The woman, who was convicted of having been implicated in the murder of a Mandarin and his wife near the English Jail in April last, in company with a man, who has since committed suicide, was executed in Soochow three days ago. She underwent the so-called lung-chih, (being sliced to pieces).

H.B.M.'s *Daring*, whilst preparing this morning to get under weigh, carried the hawser away, by which she was fastened to the buoy. There was some delay in starting the machinery and the vessel went rather close to the Fooching side. The tide was running in strong, and before the *Daring* was properly manageable she collided with the *Forbidding*. The former vessel's port quarter struck the latter's bows, causing the *Daring*'s jolly boat to be unmoored by the *Forbidding*'s anchor stock. The *Daring* left for Hongkong to await the arrival of her relief crew.

"Beyond all this belongs to me," said the Emperor Tz'u of the Sung dynasty, marking the southern sky with a sweep of his jade as the boundary line of his dominions. The Shanghai correspondent's mystical language, if plainly means "Nothing beyond the southern skies belongs to me." All under the South belongs to me." That is to say all under heaven. This is what the document of last June means. That China's suzerainty over Annam was on a par with the Ta-ti Huang Ti's suzerainty over the rest of all under heaven.

We notice that two very heavy guns, which arrived here five or six months ago for the Chinese government, are still lying at Hunt's Wharf. This number was augmented some weeks ago by two more heavy guns and six smaller ones. This looks as if the War Department has more than a sufficient stock on hand, for seemingly they can find at present no use for this material. It may be taken for a proof that China is not greatly hurrying up to get ready for the so long talked-about war, unless these guns are left there to await the arrival of the Ta-ti. Yet she may, most likely, have some need of them, in case of an accident, which can be easily predicted, without being a prophet. Lying there now useless, exposed to the changes of temperature, seems certainly to be a proof of "Everlasting Peace."

*H. R. Hearn.*

A special sitting of the Mixed Court was held this afternoon, October 18th.—Mr. Chen, Chinese Magistrate, Mr. Carles, British Assessor, and Mr. Peterson, Acting Consul for Denmark, on the bench—when seven Chinamen were brought up on the charge of cutting and stealing the river telegraph cables between Woosung and Gutziak. Two of the prisoners were iron merchants at Tong-ko-ko, and in their shop a quantity of cable material had been found; the other prisoners were boatmen and laborers, some of them known to be good divers, who were engaged in cutting the cables. After a long investigation, the members of the Court retired and discussed the matter, and on resuming their seats on the bench, Chen announced that he would submit his decision to the Ta-tao, and also send copies of it to the British Assessor, and the Danish Consul. The amount of cable stolen from the Great Northern Telegraph Company is as follows.—On the night of the 16-17th May, 1883, 1.6 miles from Woosung, 0.020 miles of cable, weighing 6.75 tons per mile; on the 14th August, at 8 p.m., 6 miles from Woosung, 0.025 miles, weighing 10 tons per mile; on the 2nd September, 6.5 miles from Woosung, 0.021 miles, weighing 6.75 tons per mile; in all 18.776 miles of cable. On the 4th September, 1.6 miles from Woosung, 6 miles of the one of the Great Northern Cables, as stated—a most remarkable circumstance that the core alone should be extracted. Of the cable material recovered, 140 pieces of cable in lengths of from 1 to 20 feet, total weight 3,443 lbs., and 1 long piece, 20 feet, 15 lbs. 150 feet, 100 feet, and 15 feet, weighing 1,460 lbs., all belonged to the Eastern Extension Company, and 300 of the 1,000 wires in cables belonged to the Great Northern Company.

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### NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

the survey changes that had taken place. He explained that previously Mr. Morris had insured his vessels, and mentioned the *Hilda*, which had been running this summer between Hakodate and Shanghai. A jolly boat would bring seaweed from Hakodate in perfect safety in the middle of the summer; still he received a telegram stating that the *Hilda* could not be insured in the North-China Insurance Company, and in consequence he had to reduce the rate of freight, which entailed a loss on him of \$600. It was a matter in which steps should be taken in the interests of the Company and of the Shareholders.

The Chairman was much obliged to Mr. Möller for having brought the subject to the notice of the Directors. He thought that Mr. Davis, the Secretary, who knew more about the details than the Directors did, was far more capable of replying to him, and Mr. Davis would do so in a few words.

Mr. Möller—"And I am prepared to answer any question that Mr. Davis can put to me."

Mr. Davis, Secretary, accordingly read the notice, and also the minutes of the last ordinary half-yearly meeting, and the extraordinary meeting which follows it, which were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, we have again the pleasure of meeting you, and presenting to you our report upon the business of another half year, and we are glad to be able to repeat our congratulations on the continued prosperity of the Company. The Report and Balance Sheet for the six months ended 30th June last are in your hands, and have been so for several days, and with your permission we will take them as read. The figures speak for themselves, and I think require no particular explanation from me. You will observe that during the period under review, claims were settled and other payments made on last year's account, amounting to Tls. 127,134.09, of which it will be remembered, we were already aware of some Tls. 100,000 when we met you in April last, and of course there are further payments yet to be made. Indeed, in a large underwriting account like ours, it necessarily takes a long time for all the claims upon a year's working to come in, and until the statements are actually before us, it is difficult to form a sufficiently reliable estimate of their amount. So far as we can judge, however, a sum of about Taels 80,000 will be sufficient to cover all further demands, and by the end of the year we shall no doubt be able to ascertain our position with the exactness necessary to enable us to declare final dividends. We intend, therefore, as usual, to ask you at this meeting to authorize us to make a supplementary distribution of profits as soon as we can see our way to do so. With regard to the underwriting during the half year—January to June—it is satisfactory to remark that in spite of the continued dullness in trade, and the keen competition and reductions in rates to which I have had to allude on former occasions, and which seem now more active than ever, our receipts keep up very well, and though the premiums earned are Taels 10,000 less than during the corresponding period of 1882, these are Taels 22,000 more than in 1881. Since 30th June we have paid away altogether Taels 92,000, for losses and claims, and we know of further losses estimated at Taels 80,000, which amount includes a line of 10,000 by the steamer *Woodburn*, from Madras to London, particulars of the causality of which vessel were received by last mail, and if the steamer which sank her was found in fault, there will of course be some salvage. The premiums entered in our books since the date of the account amount to a little over Taels 200,000, which we took upon as satisfactory, especially so in face of the prevailing depression in the China trade, and the little risk that she was going forward from this, and though the premiums earned are Taels 10,000 less than during the corresponding period of 1882, these are Taels 22,000 more than in 1881. Since 30th June we have paid away altogether Taels 92,000, for losses and claims, and we know of further losses estimated at Taels 80,000, which amount includes a line of 10,000 by the steamer *Woodburn*, from Madras to London, particulars of the causality of which vessel were received by last mail, and if the steamer which sank her was found in fault, there will of course be some salvage. 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SIX DOLLARS  
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### SHOOTING SEASON. 1883-1884.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
HAVE RECEIVED THEIR ASSORTMENT

SPORTMEN'S AMMUNITION AND  
SUNDRIES,  
comprising—

SPORTING GUNS, in newest styles, in Cases  
Fitted. NEW METAL LINED and other  
CARTRIDGE CASES.

WHITE, GREY, and GREASE PROOF  
WADS.

CYLINDRICAL WIRE CARTRIDGE  
CASES.

CHILLED and ORDINARY SHOT.  
PIGOU and WILKS' "ALLIANCE" GUN-  
POWER.

Re-capping, Loading, Ramming and Turnover  
MACHINES.

CARTRIDGE BAGS and BELTS.

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POWDERS and SHOT MEASURES and  
FLASKS.

DOG WHISTLES and WHIPS.

REVOLVERS, best English and American  
Makers.

TINNED PROVISIONS for SHOOTING  
TRIPS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
Hongkong, 17th September, 1883. [340]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.  
will conduct our Business at this Port, and  
all Communications should be addressed to them.  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will also act as Agents  
at this Port for our line of Steamers.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [666]

### To be Let.

#### TO LET.

"STOCKWELL COTTAGE" near to the  
Kowloon Club, British Kowloon, con-  
taining Four Rooms and Large Centre Room,  
Servants' Rooms and Outhouses, Gardens and  
Tennis Lawn, &c. Within Three Minutes Walk  
of the Pier.

For Particulars, apply to  
STEPHENS & HOLMES;  
Solicitors.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1883. [713]

#### TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us  
No. 11, Queen's Road Central.  
For further Particulars, apply to Messrs.  
RUSSELL & Co.

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#### TO LET.

"BISNEE VILLA" Pokfoulool, Furnished.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 18th October, 1883. [717]

#### TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of the Eastern Wing of  
BAXTER HOUSE, containing 4 Large  
Rooms, Bath-room, &c., Water laid on and every  
convenience, Furnished or Unfurnished. Terms  
Moderate.

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D. R.  
Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 12th October, 1883. [721]

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HONGKONG RACES,  
1884.

THIS MEETING will take place on  
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and  
FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd  
FEBRUARY, 1884.

Gentlemen having suggestions to offer or pre-  
sentations to make are invited to communicate  
with the Clerk of the Course on or before the  
27th instant.

THE HONGKONG DERBY, 1884.

THE Hongkong Derby, a Sweepstakes of  
\$20 each, half forfeit, is declared an on or before the  
date of closing entries, with \$100 added for 1st  
Pony and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies,  
bond side Grinns at date of entry, (SATURDAY,  
19TH JANUARY, 1884). First Pony, 10 per  
cent.; Second Pony, 10 per cent.; Third Pony,  
10 per cent. Weight lost, 10 lbs. One Mile  
and a half. Nominations close on WEDNES-  
DAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1883, addressed to  
the Clerk of the Course, at the Hongkong Club.

By Order,

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 16th October, 1883. [777]

C. L. THEVENIN,  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,  
HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS,  
HAS FOR SALE.

A FINE ASSORTMENT  
of  
WHITE AND RED  
BURGUNDIES,  
GRAND HERMITAGE,  
CHAMBERTIN,  
POMMARD,  
RUCHEBOURG,  
CHABLIS, Pints and Quarts.

OLD PORT, SHERRY,  
WHISKEY, COGNAC,  
ASSORTED LIQUORS,  
PERFUMERY,  
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1883. [780]

#### FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE  
QUARTERS..... \$22 per Case,  
PORTS..... \$23 per Case.

Apply to  
MELLCHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1883. [781]

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BEST Quality of GOLDEN GATE and  
WESTERN MILLS FLOUR, lately from  
San Francisco.

FOONG SHIK of all kinds.

Apply to  
FUNG TANG,  
OF HEE CHEONG CHING HONG,  
42, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [624]

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PRIVATE BOARD AND LODGING  
can be obtained for

SIMPLY GENTLEMEN OR MARRIED COUPLES  
AT  
No. 6, Queen's Road East,  
Next Door to the Temperance Hall,  
Tents Modern.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1883. [652]

J. M. GUEDES,  
HOUSE AND LAND BROKER,  
AUCTIONEER, &c., COMMISSION  
AGENTS.

NO. 11, WASHINGTON STREET, HONGKONG,  
Opposite Queen's Road Central. [671]

## Intimations.

### MRS. P. SMITH,

BEGS to inform the Community of Hongkong Generally, and Visitors to the Port, that  
SHE HAS THIS DAY OPENED

### PRIVATE TIFFIN ROOMS,

AT  
No. 8 & 9, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,  
WHERE

SHE WILL BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY MEALS & REFRESHMENTS AT ALL HOURS.  
The Rooms are large, well ventilated and airy, and the viands supplied will be  
of the best description and cooked in the best style.

ATTACHED TO THE:

### TIFFIN ROOMS ARE BILLIARD ROOM

### AND READING ROOM.

THE LATTER IS WELL SUPPLIED WITH  
GERMAN, FRENCH, AMERICAN & LONDON NEWSPAPERS, WRITING MATERIALS,  
&c., &c., &c.

NOT N.B.—No Extra Charge for the use of the Reading and Billiard Rooms.  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARD AND LODGING can be made by applying to

MRS. P. SMITH,

ON THE PREMISES, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1883. [766]

## Consignees.

### occidental and oriental steamship company.

#### NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship  
"ARABIC,"  
are hereby notified that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk in the Company's  
Godowns at Wanchi, from whence delivery may  
be obtained, on Countersignature of Bills of  
Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 27th  
instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

F. E. FOSTER,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1883. [781]

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### Union Line.

##### FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL

##### THE Steamship

"GALLEY OF LORNE,"  
Captain Pomroy, will be despatched for the  
above Port, on SUNDAY, the 1st instant; at  
DAYLIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 17th October, 1883. [799]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND  
PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW  
ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA,  
TASMANIA and FIJI).

THE Eastern and Australian Steamship  
Company's Steamer

#### "CATTERTHUN."

will be despatched as above on or about WED-  
NESDAY, the 31st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 15th October, 1883. [773]

##### NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

THE Steamship

#### "LIBAN,"

Condolle, Commander, will sail on or about  
the 7th November, for MARSEILLES,  
VIA SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO,  
ADEN and SUEZ; and with leave to call at  
PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection with  
these Steamers the Company runs a Line  
from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON,  
leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the  
Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly  
from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the  
MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by  
which through Freight may be booked.

The Company has a Forwarding-Agency at  
Paris, 9, Rue de Rouen, giving special  
facilities to Shippers.

Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and  
Stewardess.

The Line is noted for its Cuisine and Beer  
and Table Wines are included in the Passage  
Money.

RETURN TICKETS are now granted by  
the Steamers of this line, available for the  
undertimed periods, to be reckoned from the  
date of arrival at Marseilles of the Steamer for  
which the Ticket is issued to the date of re-embarkation there of the Holder of the  
Undersigned.

Dated the 13th day of October, 1883.

Special rates are arranged for families.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th October, 1883. [754]

##### SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO,  
THE 3/4 L. I. British Ship

#### "CHARLES BAL,"

Watson, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1883. [744]

##### FOR NEW YORK.

THE A. I. British Ship

#### "LOTHAIR,"

Bouton, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1883. [743]

##### SHIPS.

##### occidental and oriental steamship company.

##### TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO

JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,

MEXICO,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND

EUROPE.

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

#### "OCEANIC,"

will be despatched from San Francisco, via Yokohama, with the option of calling at Honolulu, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th November, at THREE P.M.

Connection being made at Yokohama with  
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALL PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to  
address in full, and will be received at the  
Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous  
to sailing.